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1. AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
GAVE EMBASSY OFFICER SOME BROAD VIEWS OF HIS GOVERNMENT WITH
RESPECT TO ASSISTANCE TO ZAMBIA. THE SWEDES AGREE WHOLEHEARTEDLY
ON THE NEED FOR ZAMBIA TO DIVERSIFY ITS AGRICULTURE. TOO LONG
HAVE THE ZAMBIANS RELIED ON COPPER. THE SWEDES BUY IBRD'S
VIEWS ON THIS QUESTION. THE SWEDES ARE SOMEWHAT HOPEFUL THAT
THE NEW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND A NEW

PERM SEC IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WILL PROVE EFFECTIVE. (THE NEW MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, CHIPWANDA, HAS BEEN A GUEST OF THE CENTER PARTY IN SWEDEN DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS. OUR DICA CONTACT, HOWEVER, HAD NO DETAILS ON CHIPWANDA'S DISCUSSIONS ON THE CONDITION OF THE ZAMBIAN ECONOMY.)

2. ZAMBIA NEEDS TECHNICAL PEOPLE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AS WELL AS IN THE PROVINCES AND THE SWEDES WOULD DO THEIR SHARE OF TRAINING IN AN EXPANDED PROGRAM.

3. THE SWEDES ACCEPT THE US VIEWPOINT THAT THE NEXT THREE YEARS WILL BE CRITICAL AS COPPER PRICES MAY REMAIN LOW. ZAMBIA WILL INDEED REQUIRE INCREASED ASSISTANCE AND THE GOS IS PREPARED TO EXPAND ITS CURRENTLY PLANNED ASSISTANCE BUT NO SPECIFIC AMOUNT HAS BEEN DECIDED. THAT IS, SWEDEN'S APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST OF SKR 95 MILLION FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR (\$26 MILLION) MIGHT BE INCREASED.

4. OUR CONTACT ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE POLITICAL AND MILITARY SITUATION IN THE REGION CAUSED SUFFERING FOR THE ZAMBIANS AS WELL AS FOR ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA MUST BE UPHELD. HE HAD LITTLE ELSE TO SAY, HOWEVER.

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5. DICA OFFICIAL WAS NOT WELL INFORMED ON PROPOSED STABILIZATION MEASURES AND COULD NOT PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO EMBASSY OFFICER'S QUESTIONS. HE THOUGHT THAT AN EXPANDED AND IMPROVED AGRICULTURAL BASE WAS ESSENTIAL TO ZAMBIA'S LONGER RUN DEVELOPMENT.

6. COMMENT. THE SWEDISH AID PROGRAM FOR ZAMBIA FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR WAS ABOUT SKR 80 MILLION (\$17 MILLION), MOST OF WHICH WAS GRANT. AS MENTIONED ABOVE, APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR ARE AT THE LEVEL OF SKR 95 MILLION. SOME 120 SWEDISH PERSONNEL ARE INVOLVED IN IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT--AGRICULTURAL AND SMALL INDUSTRY--AND IN VARIOUS HEALTH, EDUCATION, COMMUNICATIONS, AND MINING PROJECTS. THE LATTER INVOLVES IMPROVING THE FACULTY AT ZAMBIA'S MINING SCHOOL.

7. DICA OFFICIAL SAID ALSO THAT SWEDISH DELEGATION TO THE PARIS MEETING (REFTEL) MIGHT INCLUDE ALSO A REPRESENTATIVE FROM SWEDEN'S EXPORT CREDIT AGENCY, WHOSE NAME HE DID NOT KNOW.
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